

A GLORIOUS (62)  
VICTORIE

OBTAINED BY SIR WILLIAM WALLER,  
and Sir WILLIAM BALFOURE, against  
the Lord Hoptons Forces, neere *Alsford*,  
on Fryday last March 29. (52)

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With the names of severall Commanders, and Officers of note,  
which were then taken prisoners.

Sent in a Letter from an Intelligent Officer in the Armie to his friend in London.

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with a true Coppie of the thanksgiving for the same, appointed to be  
read in all Churches about London on the Lords day, March 31.

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Printed according to Order.

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On Tuesday, March 26. part of one of our Troupes under Captain *Eosvile* commanded by his Cornet, advanced within half a mile of the ford where the Enemy quartered, and took away two fat Beeves, divers Swine, Calves, and other provisions ready drest, and carrying to the enemy, with an horse loaded with other provision, and brought them to us. The same day also, five of Sir

*VVilliam VValler's* horse which were scouting forth, chased 16. the enemy, and tooke three of them prisoners: Such a spirit feare had the Lord put into the enemy, according to that promise of his, *Dent.* 28. 7. *Wednesday* and *Thursday* nights, we lay in the open field, about three miles from *Alsford*, where the enemy kept a garison. The day we marched from *VVestmeane*, they faced us all the way in our march with a great body of theirs, and we quartered within a mile of each other on *Wednesday* night, On *Thursday*, *March* 28. we skirmished all day long with severall parties, wherein we slew divers of the enemy, and took some prisoners.

This morning, *Fryday March* 29. we drew forth into the field, the *London* Regiments, *viz.* The white and yellow Regiments were first drawn forth against the enemies forelorne hope, which was about eight of the clocke, who came off bravely at last, though at first they were put to some streight, and a Captaine of our Forces missing; Then Sir *VVilliam Belfour* came in to our ayd with foure thousand horse about one of the clocke in the after-noon: After which the maine bodies were engaged, and had a sharp bickering, it was a great while doubtfull to which side the victorie would happen; But at length (through the assistance of the Almighty) our Forces caused the enemy to retreat, and routed them with small losse on our side. We took in the fight above an hundreth prisoners, with all their Ordinance, Ammunition, Bagge and Baggage (the names of the most eminent whereof I have hereafter expressed) besides those which were taken in the chase (whereof I have not yet intelligence) we pursued them, and had the slaughter of them for five or six miles, continuing our pursuit till after six that night, their Body of Foot disperfed foure or five severall wayes, we hope not to be rellyed againe possibly.

We are assured by a Captain of theirs, now in hold, that the Lord *John* (brother to the Duke of *Lonox*) is slaine, and was carried off in a Coach, and buried hereat *Alsford*: And I hear also by good hands, that the Earle of *Forth* Generall of his Majesties forces was also



also slaine in this encounter; and that not a Captaine of the Lord Hopt. forces, but are either taken, wounded, slain, I cannot as yet tell the certaine number that are wounded, or were slain, & therefore I will not trouble you with uncertainties, yet I viewed the Field, which was full of dead bodies, besides what most needs be slain in the pursuit, which as yet we have no certain intelligence of: In their flight they set fire on divers houses in *Alsford*; and intended to have fired the whole Towne, had we not prevented them: They cried out as they ran away. *The kingdom is lost*, and the truth is, God was seen most miraculously in the carriage of this action, especially towards the conclusion thereof. Our Commanders carried themselves with an undaunted resolution and courage during the fight, and amongst the rest, our ever honoured Generall Sir *William VValler*, and the renowned Major *Browne*, ingaged themselves all the time both with the Horse and foot, using many incuragements to animate the Souldiers. In all the fight we lost not that we know of above twenty men, and I hear Serjeant Major *Thomson* had his leg shot off, whereof he is not likely to recover, and some 20 prisoners at most, and but few wounded: The Enemy had the greatest strength they could make in the Field, having drawne forth most of their Garisons from *Banbury*, *Oxford*, *Wallingford*, and *Abington*, which adds much to the glory of the Victory.

Wee intend to march the morrow morning for *VVinchester*, resolving to cleare the way foorth with, in pursuit of the enemy. The Lord *Hopton* himselve wee heare is fled to *Basing* house, and the rest is disperfed to *Salisbury* & other places. Let God alone have all the glory of this, and all others successes which he vouchsafes unto his people against the implacable enemies of his Truth, and let us say with *David* *Blessed be God who hath taught our hands towar, and our fingers to fight*, Sir I have nothing else to enforme you at present, but rest.

*Alsford*, Friday night.  
*March 29.*

Yours to command,  
*H. T.*

A CATALOGVE OF THE PRISONERS  
taken at the battell, near *Alsford* on Friday Mar. 29. 1644.

Sir *Edward Stowell* Colonell of Horſe and Foot.

Colonell <i>Bear</i> ,	Lieutenant <i>Kite</i> .
Lieutenant Coll. <i>Kingſton</i> .	Enſigne <i>Melos</i> .
Captain <i>Price</i> .	Enſigne <i>Marſh</i> .
Captain <i>Chidleigh</i> ,	Enſigne <i>Medley</i> .
Captain <i>Blackſton</i> .	Cornet <i>Conſtable</i>
Captain <i>Seymour</i> .	Cornet <i>Ducket</i> .
Captain <i>Cateſby</i> .	John <i>Morley</i> Phyſitian,
Enſigne <i>Cooper</i> .	

# BY THE MAIOR

*To every Minister within the Citie of London, Liberties, Line of Communication, and Bills of Mortalitie.*

**T**He extraordinary blessing of God upon the Forces under the command of Sir *William Waller*, and Sir *William Belfour* against the Army, led by Sir *Ralph Hopton*, for the destruction of the Parliament, this City and kingdome, in a battaile near *Winchester*, yesterday being Fryday being the 29 of *March* instant, which continued from 8 a clock in the morning untill night, wherein the enemy was absolutely routed, and pursued many miles with good execution, being signified unto me by the most Honourable *Committee of both kingdoms*, requires a more solmne *thanksgiving* then upon so short warning can be performed; especially consideting that this mercy hath beyond expectation cast in from heaven into our bosoms so soon after a long Fasting and Humiliation, after the sad blow about *Newark*; I doe heartily (according to the order of the said *Committee of both Kindomes*) desire and require you to morrow being the Lords Day, to give notice of this goodnesse to your Congregation, using your best indeavours to quicken them to the highest pitch of thankfulness to the God of our mercies, and to ingage their hearts and hands yet further, *To help the Lord against the Mighty*, with their prayers and all others, helps of Money, Armes, Horse, men, and other provisions for the instant, making up and supplying of a body of horse and foot to go out and follow the e-

emie, to prevent the rallying of his men, or raising of new Force to do further mischief, that God may give a speedy end to the present Calamities, and restore a stable peace in this afflicted Nation to the comfort of all Gods people in all the kingdomes.

And what God shall move the hearts of men to subscribe & contribute, or what men they shall send out or maintaine, to this most necessary service, not only my self, but the *Committee of the Militia* do make it your joint request that you, with some others well affected, would set down in writting and returne upon Monday morning next without faile, to the Committee of the Militia at Gild-Hall.

*Dated the 30. of March, Anno Dom. 1644.*

*John VValaston, Major.*

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Capt. Chidleigh.	Ensigne Medley.
Capt. Blackeston.	Cornet Constable.
Capt. Seymour.	Cornet Duckett,
Capt. Catesby.	John Morley Phytitian.
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**John Wollaston, Major.**

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